Newsltem Caption "TB. Association Staff on Warpath"

4420. SJRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government's attention lias been drawn to the news-item which published ia the Hindustan Times, New Delhi, dad id the 9th June, 1992 under !h$_e$ caption "T. B. Association Staff on Warpath";

fb) if so . whether Government would look into (be allegations of financial irregularities and take action against those wb$_0$ ma$_v$ be found guilty;

(c) whether there are any norms for the appoin ment of the Secretary-General of the said Association, if so. Whether the same 1 lave been adhered to in th* case of present Secretary-Genera!?

THE Ml MISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMI LY WEL! ARE (SHRIMATI D. K THARA DPVT SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes sir

(b) and (c) Tuberculosis Association of India is a Voluntary Oragnisat'on re gistered ui iter the Societies Registration Act. It is, therefore, for the Governing Body Of th 5 Association to look into the allegations of the irregularities and take action ag; inst those who may be fount! guilty in i ecordance with Memorandum of the As! sciation and the rules framed thereunder.

Setting ui of Hospitals in the caunfry

4421. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to slate;

(a) whether Government have derided not to set up new hospital in the country in view of the liberalisation and privatisation of hospitals;

fb) whether it is $_a$ fact that requests have been -eceived from various State Governmevi Is for setting up of new Gov-ernment hoipitals; and

(c) whether, in view of this demand Government would revive the policy and open new hospitals in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH ANJ> FAMI LY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA); (a) and (b) No such decision ha$_s$ bees taken to stop the establishment of new hospita's. The proposals for new hospitals are considered and implemented by the State Governments in keeping with their priorities and overall availability of resources

(c) Question docs not arise.

Appointments of SC/ST candidate*

4422. SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI; Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to «tate:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Directorate General of Health Services srnl the Ministry of Health are not im-plementing the order$_s$ relating to the ap pointment of SC/ST candidates in those departments;

(b) if so, whether the Genuine requests of SC|ST widows for compassionate ap$_r$ pointments have been turned down on one pretext or the other by the Department;

(c) whether Government propose to inquire into the matter; and

(d) the names of the persons who have been appointed in D.G.H.S, in Deljii on compassionate grounds during the last three years and the names of per sons whose applications have been reject ed or kept pending for appointment in the D.G.H.S.?

THE. MINISTER OF STATE TN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMI LY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA); (a) Orders relating to (he appointments of SC [ST candidates are being followed in the Directorate General of Health Services and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

(b)-No such request has been turned down by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Information from the Directorate General of Health Services and its sub-ordinate. offices in Delhiis being collected and sb;;,il be laid on the table of the House !'

C.G.H.S, Benefits to Retired Government Servants

4423, SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will tha Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) sihether Government propose to grant CGHS benefits to the Central Government. employees, who have since retired, al ter rendering substantial 'pensionable service, without charging any subscription from them; and

(b) if so, what are tbe details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMI LY WEIFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THAR A DEVI SIDDHARTHA : (a) and (b) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government at present.

Study conducted by the Nutrition Foundation of India

4424, SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Nutrition Foundation of India has conducted a study commissioned by WHO[5] and FAO;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the study has brought out new problems on nutrition front and various nutritional disorders caused by consumption of food products and cereals produced by intensive une of Chemical fertilisers; and

(c) ill so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (c) WHO have recently published a book "Nutrition in Develop-' mental Transition in South East Asia" written by Dr. C. Gopalan, Director, "Nutrition Foundation of India. According to this book intensive cropping with the use of high analysis fertilisers could result in substantial micro-nutrient losses of sulphur, iron, manganese, zinc and copper.

The book also mentions that both soils and crops in many areas of Andhra Pradesh., Punjab and Haryana are deficient in zinc. These soils are also reported to show deficiencies with respect to iron and manganese but of a lower order.

M.B.B.S, Doctors in rural areas

4425. SHRI S. S. SURJEWALA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WFLFARK be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the MBBS and other specialised doctors are not prepared to serve in the Rural areas on account of life style and lack of facilities in Rural Areas resulting into the suffering of millions of people and resulting into about 90 per cent Rural Hospital/Health Centres and dispensaries functioning without qualified doctors;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to start a new two year middle Rung condensed course for the doctors supposed to serve in Rural areas so that this population is not deprived of the medical facilities; and

(c) if not, the steps taken by Government to solve this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D K THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA):